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Applicants: Argonne National Lab }

Title: *Discrimination Of Bacillus* }
Anthraxis From Closely Related To }
Microorganisms By Analysis Of 16S }
And 23S rRNA With Oligonucleotide }
Microchips }

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 24, 2006, applicants elect Group II, claims 10-20 and 22. Applicants also elect 10 nucleotide sequences as indicated in the amended claims.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.